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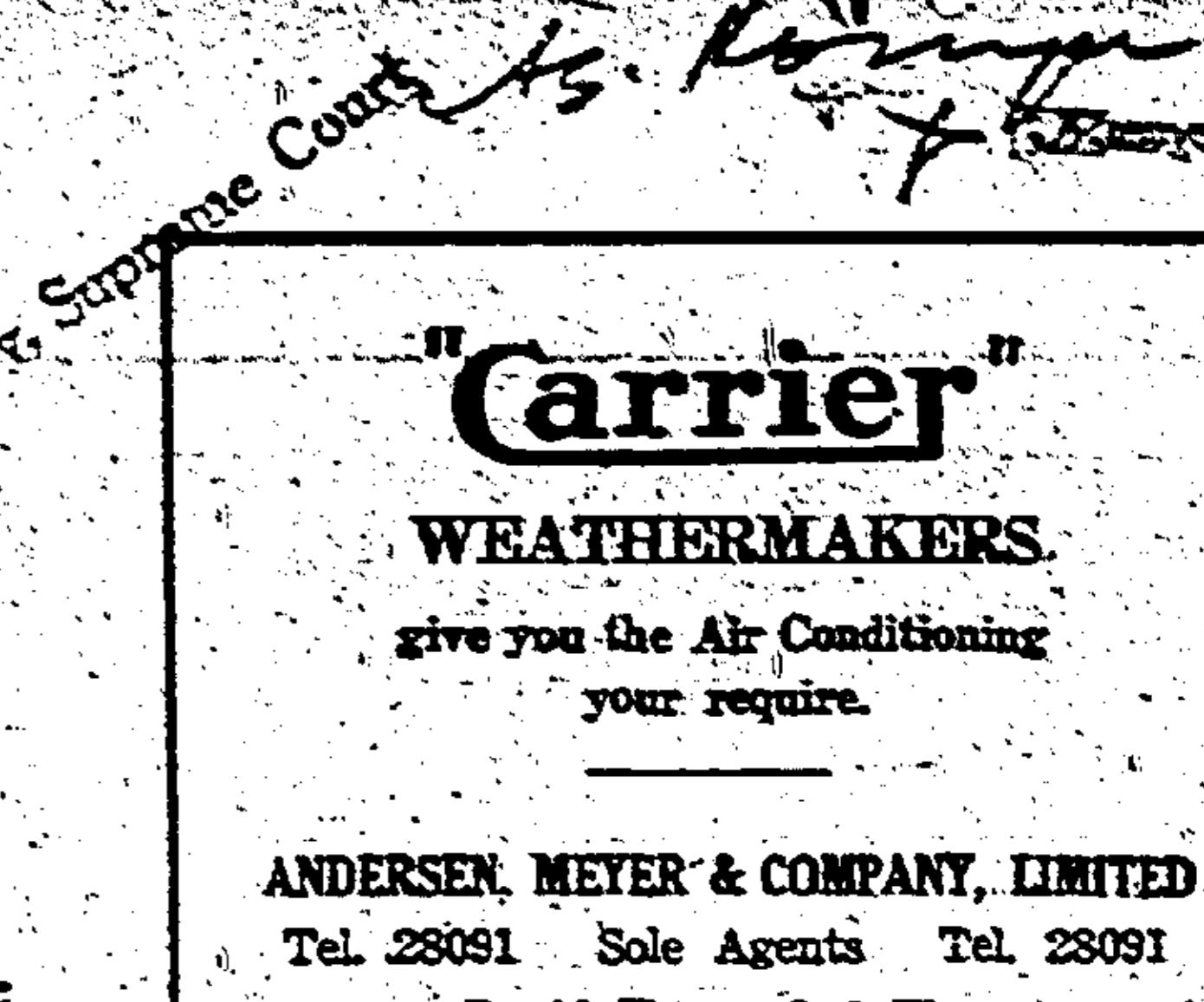
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BRADMAN OUT

Bowled By Verity
When 82

AUSTRALIANS LOSE GRIP

Sydney, To-day. Commencing the day requiring 201 runs to avert an imminent defeat, Australia lost Fingleton and Bradman for 63 runs before lunch.

A crowd of 5,000 was present in sultry and overcast weather, with rain threatening, when Fingleton (67) and Bradman (57) went out to resume Australia's innings at 145 for 1 on a wicket which appeared to be in good condition.

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Scores:
ENGLAND—1st INNINGS
Barnett, b Ward 57
Flegg, c Sievers, b McCormick 11
Hammond, not out 23
Lyland, lbw, b McCabe 42
Ames, c Robinson, b Ward 22
G. O. Allen, lbw, b O'Reilly 26
Hardstaff, b McCormick 29
Verity, not out 6
Extras 21

Total (for 6 wkt., dec.) 426
Fall of the wickets: 1 (Flegg) for 27; 2 (Barnett) for 118; 3 (Lyland) for 247; 4 (Ames) for 351; 5 (Allen) for 388; 6 (Hardstaff) for 424.
R. W. V. Robins, Sims and Voce did not bat.

Twelfth man—Fishlock.

Bowling Analysis O. M. R. W.
McCormick 20 1 79 2
Sievers 16 2 4 30
Ward 42 8 132 1
O'Reilly 41 17 86 1
Chipperfield 13 2 47 1
McCabe 9 1 31 1

AUSTRALIA—1st INNINGS
J. H. Fingleton, c Verity, b Voce 12
W. J. O'Brien, c Sims, b Voce 0
D. G. Bradman, c Allen, b Voce 0
S. J. McCabe, c Sims, b Voce 0
A. G. Chipperfield, c Sims, b Allen 0
M. W. Sievers, c Voce, b Verity 0
W. A. Oldfield, b Verity 0
W. J. O'Reilly, not out 0
E. L. McCormick, b Allen 0
F. Ward, b Allen 0
C. Eadcock, absent ill 0
Extras 3

Total 80
Fall of the wickets: 1 (O'Brien) for 1; 2 (Bradman) for 1; 3 (McCabe) for 3; 4 (Chipperfield) for 16; 5 (Fingleton) for 28; 6 (Sievers) for 36; 7 (Oldfield) for 31; 8 (McCormick) for 89; 9 (Ward) for 80.
Twelfth man—R. Robinson.

Bowling Analysis O. M. R. W.
Voce 8 1 10 4
Allen 5.7 1 19 4
Verity 3 0 17 2
Hammond 4 0 6 0
Sims 2 0 20 0
Robins 1 0 5 0

AUSTRALIA—2nd INNINGS
J. H. Fingleton, b Sims 73
W. J. O'Brien, c Allen, b Hammond 17
D. G. Bradman, b Verity 82
S. J. McCabe, not out 18
A. G. Chipperfield, not out 13
Extras 5

Total (for 3 wkt.) 206
Fall of the wickets: 1 (O'Brien) for 38; 2 (Fingleton) for 162; 3 (Bradman) for 186;
—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Sydney, To-day.—Australia 226 for 5. Reuter.
Later: Australia 309 for 5 (McCabe 35, not out); tea score.—Reuter.

FOOTBALLER SUSPENDED

Emergency Committee Announce Decision

At a meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association last night, Ng Fok-lin, inside-right of South China "T", who was sent off the field of play in the Second Round Shield game against the Club a fortnight ago, was suspended till January 31, 1937.

GOVT. ULTIMATUM TO REBELS MILITARY OPERATIONS THREATENED COMMUNISM MENACE

Canton, To-day. It is officially confirmed that Messrs. T. V. Soong and W. H. Donald, Chairman of the Economic Commission and British adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek respectively, returned to Nanking at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. Immediately after his arrival, Mr. Soong went to the residence of Dr. H. H. Kung, Acting President of the Executive Yuan, and there had a conference with Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. Kung.

It is learned that Mr. Soong is optimistic regarding the release of the Generalissimo in the very near future. He is the only person who has had a private conversation with the latter since his capture.

It is also learned that Messrs. Soong and Donald will fly to Sian again with Madame Chiang to-day.

Govt. Planes Bomb Rebel Positions

Nanking: Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. T. V. Soong and Mr. W. H. Donald, the Generalissimo's European adviser, left for Siamfu by air this morning.

Government aeroplanes are very actively bombing the rebel forces while the infantry is keeping up a continual machine-gun fire on the rebels.

As a result the Government troops are stated to be rapidly advancing towards Siamfu.

Usually well-informed quarters state that Mr. Soong's previous visit to Siamfu did not produce any concrete agreement for the settlement of the issue but as a result of it he has strong hopes that a peaceful settlement of the affair, compatible with the Government's determination not to make any concessions as regards its policy, will be ultimately achieved.—Reuter.

WASEDA HOCKEY TEAM'S VISIT

Programme To Be Drafted To-night

SIX GAMES ARRANGED

(By "STICKS")

The Hong Kong Hockey Association Council meeting arranged for this evening in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Waseda University hockey team between January 3 and January 15, will take place at 6.30 p.m. in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, and not at 5.30 p.m. as previously reported.

I understand that the visitors will be playing six matches during their stay in the Colony, these being games against the Hong Kong University, the Grupo Desportivo Argonautas winners of the Civilian section of the Inter-Section Tournament, the Royal Navy, the Army, the Combined Services, and a Colony team.

The games will probably be played on the Club ground at King's Park, but as far as I know no game has yet been arranged between the visitors and the Club. Providing there is time enough, the Waseda side will probably visit Macau.

The Colony have not been so fortunate as Shanghai in the number of visiting teams, although all hockey enthusiasts will recall with pleasure the visit of the Malaysian team in 1934. This will be the second occasion on which Waseda team will visit these shores, the Colony winning the previous encounter by the odd goal in three.



As rebel shells threaten Madrid with destruction, the stricken inhabitants are hastening to places of safety. These women, with a few of their belongings and their children, are shown trudging along one of the roads leading from Madrid.

ANGLO-FRENCH POLICY IN ABYSSINIA SATISFACTION IN ROME

Rome, To-day.—The Anglo-French decision to convert their Addis Ababa Legations into Consulates is warmly welcomed as tantamount to de facto recognition of Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia and paves the way for the Anglo-Italian "gentlemen's agreement" in the Mediterranean, while it is also regarded as depriving the League of the excuse of continuing to allow the Abyssinians to sit in the Assembly.

Nevertheless, Anglo-Franco-Italian relations cannot return to full normality until Britain and France grant de jure recognition of Abyssinia. As it is admitted that such recognition would necessitate a profound reversal of Anglo-French policy there is no tendency in Italy to press the point yet.—Reuter.

Hostages Wanted

Canton:—A message from Tientsin states that owing to the students there wanting to capture Messrs. Chang Hsueh-min and Chang Hsueh-tseng, younger brothers of the Young Marshal, as hostages for the Generalissimo, the two brothers left the city secretly for an unknown place. It is learned that the mother of the Young Marshal has also left.

Rome: The Bulgarian Minister has informed Count Ciano, Minister for Foreign Affairs, that the Bulgarian Government has decided to create a Consulate in Addis Ababa.—Reuter's Bulletin Service. (Continued on Page 10)

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAIN DISASTER

Capetown: To-day.—Eight persons were killed and 25 injured following the derailment of a crowded train from Port Elizabeth to Cape Town, near Oudtshoorn.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Mr. B. D. G. Barlow's Tragic Death

PLAYED RUGBY FOOTBALL IN COLONY

The many friends in the Colony of Mr. B. D. G. Barlow, formerly on the staff of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation here, will be shocked to learn of his death at Dairen on Sunday.

No details have been received,

but it is understood that Mr. Barlow was accidentally shot while out shooting.

The eldest son of Mr. A. H. Barlow, formerly Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hong Kong, the late Mr. Barlow was attached to the local offices of the Bank till about three months ago, when he left, on transfer, for Dairen.

He was a member of the Naval Volunteer Force and was a very keen wireless fan. He had his own transmitting set and was in the habit of getting up early in the morning to "talk to people" in Long Island and in England.

During his short stay in the Colony the late Mr. Barlow played Rugby football for the Club first fifteen, while he was also the owner of the auxiliary naval

Norsemen.

MRS. EINSTEIN PASSES

Princeton, New Jersey, To-day.—The death is reported here of Mrs. Elsa Einstein, wife

TRAGIC FIND AT CHINA FLEET CLUB

Able Seaman Found Dead In Bed

A tragic discovery was made at 6.45 a.m. this morning in one of the rooms of the China Fleet Club, when the dead body of Able Seaman T. G. Smith, aged 35, of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, was discovered lying on one of the beds.

There were no suspicious circumstances and the deceased apparently passed away from natural causes.

The body has been removed to the Royal Naval Hospital Mortuary, and the funeral will probably take place this evening.

Buitenzorg, Java, To-day.—An ordinance has been issued effecting the introduction of individual restriction from January 1, 1937 for native labor in those regions where the special duty is still being levied.—Reuter.

TYphoon Warning

A message received by the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory at 10 a.m. states that a typhoon is situated in about 119 deg. Longitude East and 7 deg. Latitude North, moving west-north-west. The typhoon is, therefore, about 30 miles to the south-west of Coban, Philippine Islands.

Xmas Parties In Germany

Berlin, To-day.—A large number of Christmas parties were given by the National-Socialist Party to a total of three million members of poor families in the country yesterday.

Young and old gathered round the Christmas trees and sang carols while several Ministers attended the parties.

At the largest of these, Dr. Goebbels, made a speech which was broadcast all over the country. He said that

KOMSOMOL SINKING RAISES STORM

SERIOUS COUNTER-MOVE BY GOVERNMENT?

MASS MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Moscow, To-day.

Diplomatic action by the Soviet is probable in connection with the alleged sinking of the Komsomol by a Spanish Nationalist cruiser, the incident being denounced in the official press, while mass meetings are being held throughout Russia, at which reprisals are demanded by the crews of the Soviet Black Sea fleet, who have passed a resolution to the effect that "These Fascist pirates must answer for the destruction of our ship. We shall continue to sail the seas bravely without fear of pirates and warn our enemies that we will cut off the hands of anybody daring to touch Soviet ships, people or territory."

Now that public opinion has been prepared it is thought that the Soviet Government is contemplating a serious counter-move, the nature of which has not been revealed.—Reuter.

BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICE

New Appointments Announced

London, To-day.

The following Consular Service appointments are notified: Sir John Brennan will next year take over the post in the Foreign Office held by Sir John Pratt, who is retiring, and Mr. Herbert Phillips, Consul-General at Canton will succeed Sir John Brennan as British Consul-General at Shanghai.

Sir John Brennan has held the Shanghai post since 1930, while Mr. Herbert Phillips has been Consul-General at Canton since 1930.

Mr. Arthur Blunt, Consul-General at Manila, will be transferred to Canton and Mr. William Turner, Consul-General at Yunnanfu will succeed Mr. Blunt, while Mr. William Stark Toller, Consul at Tengyueh and at present serving on the Burma-Yunnan Boundary Commission, is being promoted and will succeed Mr. Turner.—Reuter.

APPOINTMENTS APPROVED

London, To-day.—His Majesty the King has approved the following appointments in the diplomatic service: Mr. H. A. Grant Watson, Minister at Helsinki to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Havanna; and Mr. T. M. Snow, Minister at Havanna, to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Edinburg—British Wireless Service.

WATER TO BE CUT OFF

Kowloon Residents Warned

In an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue, residents in the area immediately north of Prince Edward and Kowloon Roads and east of Nathan Road are warned that the water supply will be cut off for six hours, from noon to 3 p.m. to-morrow.

Authorities from the water authorities elicited the information that this is necessitated by some routine repairs to the pipes and is only "just an ordinary thing".



Sporting Page



MANY NEWCOMERS IN RUNNING FOR ENGLAND RUGBY CAPS

BADMINTON BOOM

ENTHUSIASTS WANT IT TO BE WORLD'S GAME

BLACK-BALLED BY THE BLUES

(By H. R. MacDONALD)

I WONDER whether the huge army of athletes in Britain, nearly a million strong, who play that fascinating game of Badminton, ever pause for a moment amid their smashing and clearing from the back of the court to think what a curious pastime it is. Full of contradictions it has always seemed to me.

Fancy a game that is played almost entirely by artificial light deciding its big championship for the national titles by the toss of a coin! No wonder some of the rabbits, who only come to the surface for the handicaps at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, where the championships are held every March, cannot see the shuttle for looking, and blink their way back to the dressing-rooms saying that big Badminton is not the game they thought it was.

Then again, what do you make of a game which allows its players to try out its implements before every match to see if the rackets and the atmosphere suit the particular shuttle the committee of the tournament doles out to them?

AMR BEY WINS RACKETS TITLE FOR 5TH TIME

Egyptian's Brilliant Run Of Triumphs

London, December 14.
Defeating Snell in the final in three straight games, 9-4, 9-0, 9-2, Amr Bey established a record at the Bath Club today by winning the English Amateurs' Squash Rackets Championship for the fifth time in succession.

GLIMPSES OF HOME SOCCER LEAGUE GAMES

Arsenal's Big Win At Portsmouth

DARTFORD'S F.A. CUP DISTINCTION

London, December 13.
Birmingham were unlucky to go down to Derby County for they had the best of the play. The winning goal came in the first half from Ramsey. Nothing went right for Sunderland in their away match against Liverpool. Liverpool's goals were scored by Hanson (2), Nieuwendyk and Palmer. They led by one goal to nil at half time.

Bagley scored Portsmouth's lone goal in the game with the Arsenal. James was playing again for Arsenal and played a cunning and irresistible game. Davidson scored four of the winners' goals and Drake the fifth. They were three goals up in the first half.

Toseland scored two and Brook and Doherty one each for Manchester City. Maxwell scored Preston's only goal.

Bolton Play Better Away

Bolton, who have the worst home record in the League, have not been beaten in an away match since September 19. Their two goals came from Wilson, while Matthews scored both for Stoke City.

Grimshay scored first in their game with Huddersfield and their equalizer came in the last minute of the game, through Glover from a penalty. Craven scored their first goal. Huddersfield's goals came from Steeles and Johnson.

Final League

Brentford missed many chances in their game with Chelsea and their only goal came from Reid. Mills and Silence scored for the winners.

Everton and away side Barnet and away side Ipswich drew them. In the other biggest defeat, West Ham and Bolton scored for themselves.

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Jack Dodger, left, is one of the Selectors of the Ladies' Interport Hockey team, while Cpl. Swain, right, has represented the Army in practically all their representative matches this season, but will not be available for the Football Interport against Shanghai as he is leaving the Colony on January 8 for Home.

SIR J. CAHN'S CONTRACT TO BE BROKEN

FRANK WARD REFUSES BIG CRICKETING OFFER

Adelaide, November 25.

SIR Julien Cahn can do what he likes; I am not going to England," said Frank Ward, the young South Australian slow bowler, when replying to-day to an intimation that he must keep to his contract, and play for Cahn's team in England.

Last month it was announced Ward had accepted a three-year contract with Sir Julien Cahn, but a week ago Ward stated he had changed his mind.

SIR JULIEN CAHN AND FRANK WARD

Instructs Agent Not To Take Legal Action

Sydney, December 27.—Sir Julien Cahn has telephoned from England instructing his agent in Sydney not to take legal action against Frank Ward, the South Australian slow bowler, for alleged breach of contract.

Sir Julien has not accepted the suggestion that Grinnell be invited to go to England in Ward's place, as he wants a younger player. Another Australian will be invited.

Secret Formula

It is no good blaming the geese, residents in Czechoslovakia, who supply the feathers for the shuttle. They live their dignified lives quite oblivious of the following secret formula known only to the manufacturers:

1 goose provides 4 feathers. 16 feathers make 1 shuttle. 20 shuttles equal 1 game.

Therefore, and this is important—at any rate to the geese—1,000 geese equal one tournament or Michaelmas Fair.

There is much wing-dapping in Czechoslovakia at the moment, I am told, for one goose, who escaped the plucking, has flown back with alarming stories of a new machine the English have invented for mechanically testing the flight of shuttles.

No Variety Blues

By this machine hundreds of shuttles can be driven across the court in a few minutes by the simple pressing of a button. Thus the antagonists in a match will come fresh to the real job of the afternoon without tiring their arms and the lookers-on with the usual testing prelude.

That little matter of the Variety Blue also makes Badminton a curiosity in sport. To think that this honour should be denied to Badminton when all the other national games demanding violent exercise from Rugby football to chess, are thus hall-marked, must always bring a dash of indignation to the cheek of the shuttle devotee.

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TO-MORROW'S JUNIOR SHIELD CLASH

The following have been selected to represent the Royal Navy against the Royal Army Service Corps in their Second Round Junior Shield encounter at the Navy Club at Cammell Bay tomorrow, commencing at 4 p.m.

Hayman, Rodger, and Hopkins

Tuncock, Tudor, and Lowe

Stott, Wolff, Smith, Spencer and Johnson

REDFEARS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The half-monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held in the course of the Hong Kong Football Association, Sports Ground, on Saturday, December 22, at 6 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Portuguese Eleven Selected

The following have been chosen to represent Portugal in the Sedan Herald Charity Cup competition against Wales on Boxing Day on the Kowloon ground at 3.30 p.m. U. B. Souza (Recreio); L.

Souza (St. Joseph's); V. Costa

(St. Joseph's); Beltrao (Recreio); A. V. Gomes (Recreio); and Delgado (St. Joseph's); C. Marques

(Recreio); C. Santos (Liga); B.

Gomes (Recreio); J. Gomes (Recreio); and L. Fernandes (St.

Joseph's).

Reserves: E. M. Marques (St.

Joseph's); V. Marques (Recreio); H. Remedio (Liga); H. Souza

(Liga) and A. Alves (Recreio).

CHINESE TO MEET THE REST

Charity Soccer Match

On New Year's Day

A charity football game will be

played at Caroline Hill on New

Year's Day in aid of the funds for

Syrian refugees between the

Chinese and the Rest of the Colony

and at a meeting of the manage-

ment committee last night the fol-

lowing were selected to represent

the Rest:

Rowlands (R.W.F.); Swain

(East Lancs); and A. V. Gomes

(Recreio); North (Police, Beltrao

Recreio); Taylor (R.W.F.); Kevin

(C.U.R.) Fleming (Cub); Kinn

(Kowloon); Wilson (Cub); and

Blackford (Club).

Reserves: Salter (Anglesey)

Costa (St. Joseph's); Stevens

(R.I.P.); Blue (Kowloon); Camp-

bell (C.U.R.); and E. Stevens

(Cub); Foster (Club); Ward

(St. Joseph's); Leeswood (St.

Joseph's); Howlett (Gimnasia)

and Rickle (Kowloon).

GOALLESS DRAW

The Headquarters Wing, Royal

Ulster Rifles, were forced to a

goalless draw by the 40th Com-

pny, Royal Engineers in the

Small Units Football League at

the Valley yesterday afternoon.

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PROMISING PLAYERS FROM 'VARSITIES'

TEAM IS GRADUALLY TAKING SHAPE

NEW SCOTTISH CAP IN CAMPBELL?

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, November 25.

The Rugby football season moves inevitably towards solemnity. Gone are the day when we could be content to enjoy club games without gravely considering individual players as potential internationals.

The game, indeed, recedes as representative matches loom ahead. The England selectors have named their victims for the first trial at Workington on Saturday week. The Universities meet at Twickenham in less than a fortnight. The Services are busy. The counties weed one another out. A strenuous time, and I observe that readers are already amusing themselves with the old recreation of picking teams.

Naturally the England selectors have started a number of hares with their choices for the Workington match. Certainly they have cast their net widely, and the composition of the Possibles team reminds us that county football is nowadays one of the surest stepping-stones to official recognition.

How hard they work, to be sure, these selectors, and how much we hope that some of their discoveries may prove to be the great players we have sought for years!

Promising Forwards

Some of the Possibles I have seen this season. N. Adams, for example, is a very promising back-row forward and G. Greaves is the right type of front-row man. B. E. Nicholson, of the Old Whigians and Surrey, as a likely young centre, full of football, but inexperienced as yet.

R. B. Horley, the Possibles' left wing, is a curious runner, with a particularly effective hand-off. He does not appear to move fast, and yet with a change of pace and an outstretched right arm he beats man after man. R. Guest, of Liverpool University, is a right wing, stocky, strongly built, fast and clever.

The Old Hands

It will be interesting indeed to see how the relatively unknown Possibles fare against the old hands who represent England.

I should imagine that here we have a considerable nucleus of the England side against Wales. There are University players to be considered, of course, and I take it that if A. Obolensky is fit he is bound to come in on the right wing. Some consider that T. A. Kemp are J. D. Low, the Cambridge half-backs, are a likely England pair, and M. M. Walford, is bound to have a trial either in the centre or at stand-off half.

New Scottish Cap?

There are sure to be one or two lusty University forwards on the fringe of the England team, more over, though I understand that D. A. Campbell of Cambridge, a grand back-row player, is qualified for Scotland.

There are other players outside the Universities who must be in the running. J. B. Arty and G. A. Walker at stand-off half, for example, and H. G. Owen-Smith at full-back and a number of Midland and West Country forwards. Owen-Smith, of Scotland, is qualified for Scotland.

The balance-sheet shows: Investments, £39,073 13s 1d; loans to affiliated organizations on grounds, £10,023 2d; special reserve fund under agreement with the All-England Club, £2,627 8s 4d.

Belgian Amateur Boxers Lose

Three Points Victories At Stadium Club

London, December 27.

Three Belgian amateur champions were beaten by British title-holders in the tournament in aid of the Kent Playing Fields Association, at the Stadium Club, London, last night.

A. Barnes, the A.B.A. feather-weight champion, outpointed J. Cornwell, H. P. Floyd, the British Empire heavyweight champion, to win his bout. A. Barnes, a points, and H. P. Floyd, the A.B.A. middle-weight title-holder, defeated G. de Helder on points.

A FEW WORDS BY NEW M.C.C. SECRETARY

Delays In County Cricket Matches

SMARTER RUNNING BETWEEN WICKETS

London, December 12.
Declaring that county cricket is the backbone of the national game, Lt.-Col. R. S. Rait Kerr, M.C.C.'s new secretary, gave the county secretaries a firm lead when he addressed them at Lord's on December 1. "There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "that we must keep up the public interest in the game. Our object is to see that first-class cricket is an entertainment."

Speaking of the stress and strain imposed on cricketers by "frightfully heavy county programmes," he urged that the question of fixtures was one that might be examined.

He laid emphasis upon "unnecessary and excessive intervals" and made particular reference to the tea interval, the taking out on to the field of drinks, and the time players took in walking to and from the wicket.

Wicks Between Wickets

"I noticed in some schoolboys' matches last year," he said, "the time some of the boys took to get to the wicket. One amateur cricketer told me that the members of his side did not like waiting about with their pads on ready to go in. They preferred not to change until the wicket fell."

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DERBY'S CAPTAIN RESIGNS

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THE INTER-VARSITY BOAT-RACE

MANY ETONIANS GIVEN OXFORD TRIAL

DARK BLUE CREWS BEST FOR YEARS

(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")

London, November 25.

ONE of the big features of the present Oxford Trial Eights is the number of Eton oarsmen in the crews. After this year, when not a single Etonian rowed in either Boat Race crew, it is a good sign to see this stronghold of public school rowing returning to favour at the Universities.

Oxford have six Eton men in the trial crews in A. B. Hodgson, R. R. Stewart, J. L. Garton, R. D. Burnell, R. G. Rowe and D. B. R. Mynders, and in addition H. W. Ainley and Nigel Parker have both been given trials.

A friend who has been watching the crews in training tells me that there is a solid foundation for Oxford's confidence. The general opinion is that these Dark Blue crews are the best for some years, and that J. S. Lewes, the president, has done an exceedingly good job in sifting so well the material at his disposal.

BADMINTON BOOM

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It is not as if Badminton ever descends to pat shuttle. More hefty blows are struck with the light-as-a-feather Badminton racket than ever resound across squash or lawn tennis courts.

Not Be Big Enough

If those great Badminton smashers Guy Sautter and J. F. Devlin had a tennis or cricket ball to deal with instead of an inoffensive little bunch of feathers on a cork, Wimbledon or Lord's would not be big enough to hold the shot.

Why, then, do those autocrats of the Blues committees at Oxford and Cambridge hesitate to grant Badminton the colours which have been asked for so often. But as none of the officials at either Varsity ever seems to know which of the so-called minor games get Blues or Half Blues, some half wit will come into a Badminton court one day with a light or dark blue stripe down his shorts and get away with it. And more power to his shuttle!

Badminton players have never lacked ideas Commander G. E. Mills, one of the men who helped the B.N.R.V. Anti-Aircraft section to invent the barrages which defended London in the war is always thinking from his seat on the committee of the governing body, how the game can be improved. He can tell you the day and exact time of every match in any tournament, no matter if the entries reach 300.

Inventive Genius

There must be inventive genius, too, in a game which gives such names as Cabbage Patch, Good Companions, Paddies, Mrs. Ward's Scarlet Runners, Sally Portmuthian, The Chums, Fifteen Ladies, and Tuesday Morning to its clubs. I am told that the Tuesday Morning club also play, and just as well, on Friday mornings, and that so far no married woman rejoicing in the name of Wiggs has ever applied for membership of the Cabbage Patch B.C., whose courts have been erected in the Skating Rink at Derby.

There is one rather distressing feature of Badminton. It keeps on booming. For years there has been a boom every winter, and now some misguided enthusiasts are trying hard to make it a world game, with an International Federation and Davis Cup, the Davis Cup, all complete.

This is a nice finish for a game which kept me poking my nose into church halls, underground cafes, and swimming baths even after evening in my youth to see if there was enough light by which to even play the game.

On A World Tour

I blame J. F. Devlin, the former champion, for much of this. On a recent world tour he beat the Badminton drum so successfully that some of the natives of the East to which he taught the game actually made a court by the roadside in the afternoon and played upon it the next morning.

I do not suppose the darkness of 1936 will which reflection suggests a consolation for those who like myself view the expansion of Badminton with alarm.

So Much Fun

The game is an simple and easy that anyone can play it, but few seem to do so.

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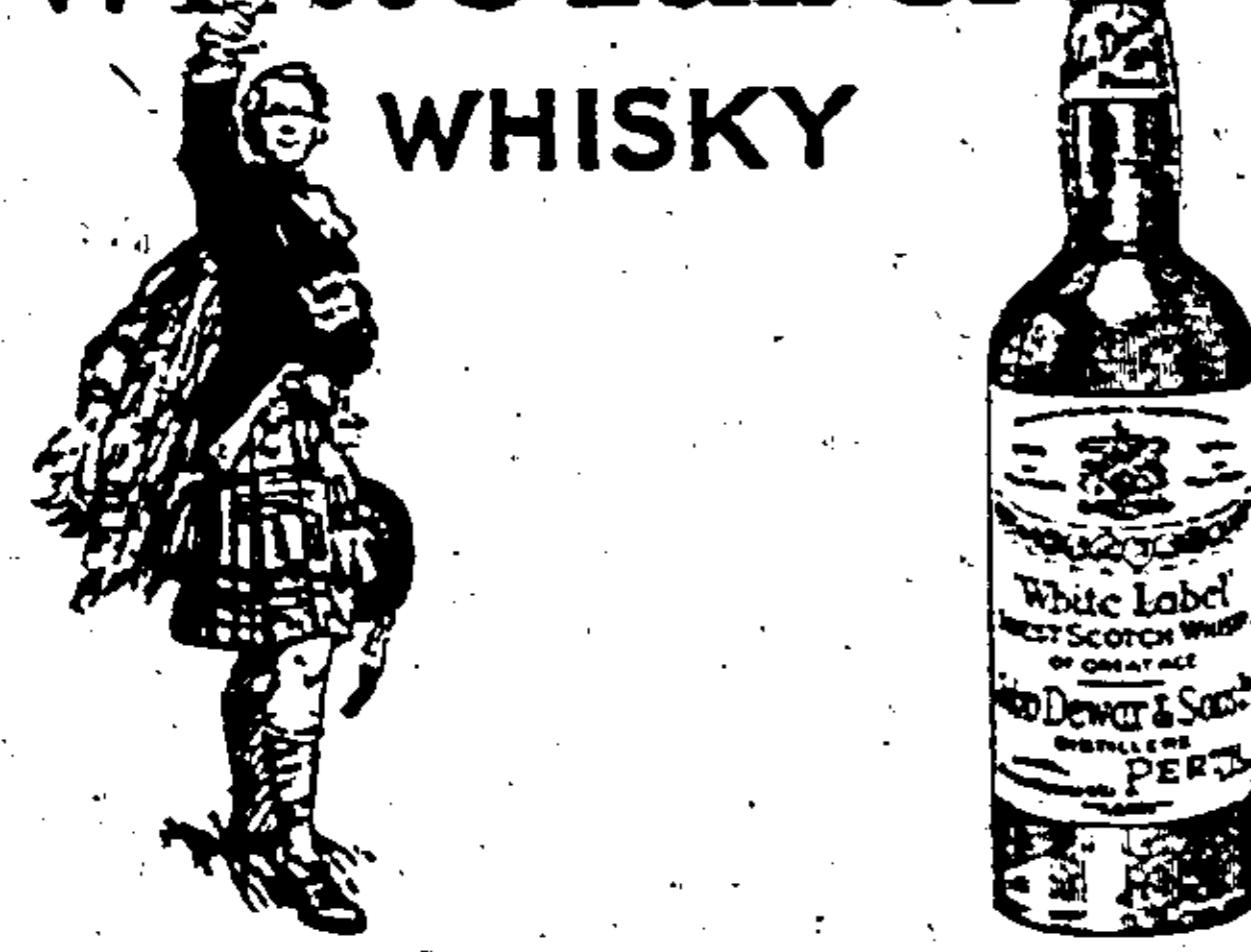
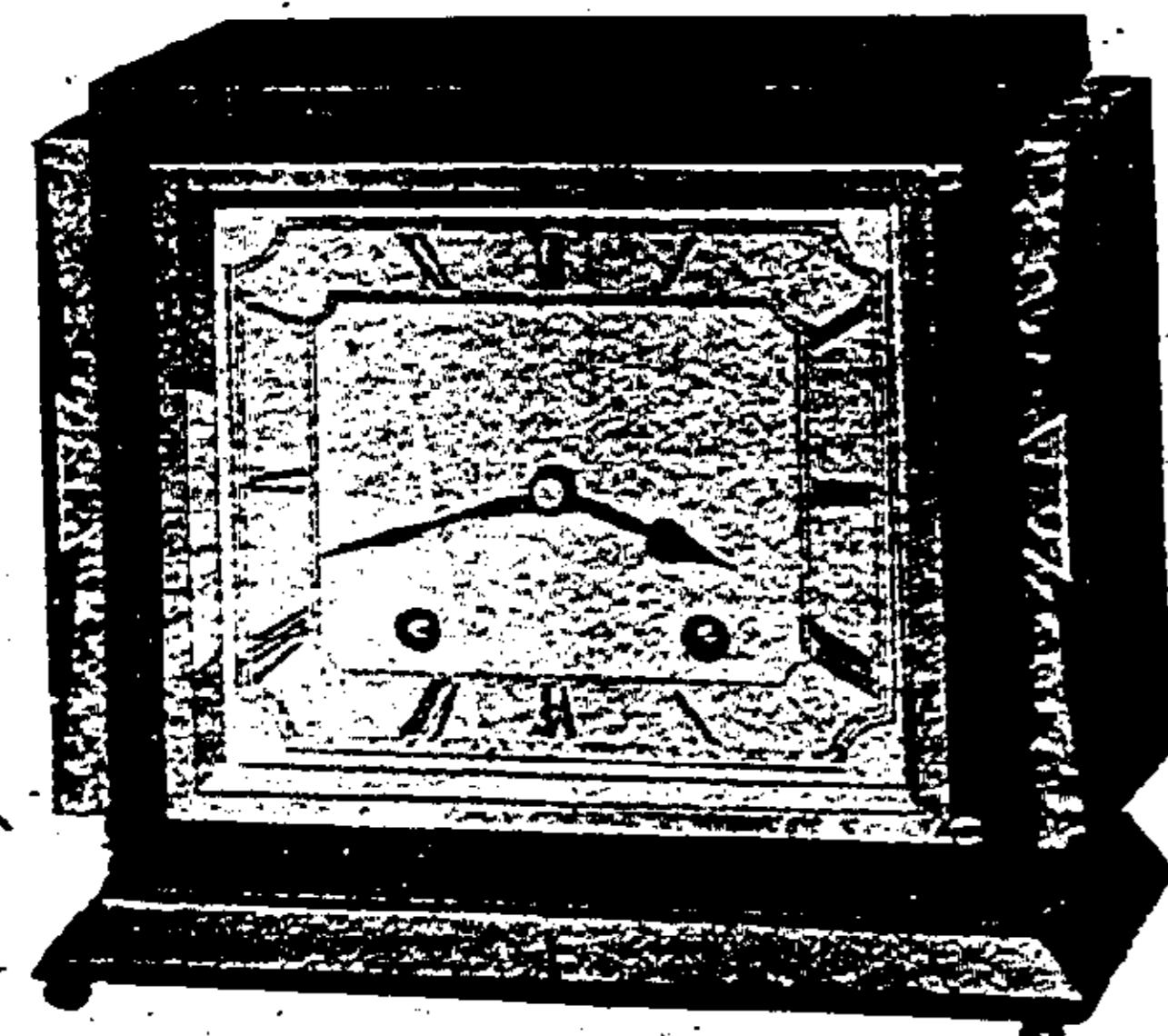
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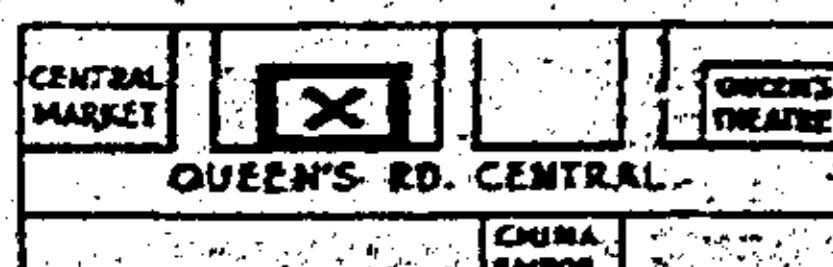
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reception arranged for 5 p.m. to day at 293 The Peak following upon the marriage of Mr. Alastair Drummond to Miss Leanne Urston has been postponed until to-morrow, Wednesday, December 23rd at 12.30 p.m. in Lane Crawford's Reception Room (Exchange Building, First Floor).

DEATH

BARLOW—B. D. G. Barlow of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation at Dairen. Accidentally killed while out shooting on 20th December.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1936

Blue Mosquitoes

If kings succumb to the worm, it is only after they are dead, but living empires have fallen before the attacks of a contemptible little gnat. To-day when we have studied his strategy and arrived at some understanding of his tactics the mosquito is still able to claim vast armies of victims every year. Three and a half million deaths annually are recorded from malaria alone besides the hosts that fall victim to that other potent weapon of the mosquito—yellow fever. Gnats have annoyed men for more centuries than history is able to record and have come to be regarded as the type of petty irritation. Serious danger from any of their kind was never suspected until Sir Patrick Manson offered the suggestion to Sir Ronald Ross that led to the latter's discovery, at the end of the nineteenth century, that a mosquito-bite might give rise to malaria fever. Malaria, in fact, the old source of "ague," was no longer to be regarded as an effect of the bad airs, that is malaria, arising from stagnant waters, but was definitely known to be due to the bite of insects that breed in those waters. Though every schoolboy now knows something of the life history of the mosquito and its connection with malaria fever, only heroically patient research and good microscopic technique were able to explode the myth that the disease was born by the air.

That the mighty civilisations of Greece and Rome collapsed under the attacks of malaria-carrying mosquitoes is a thesis that deserves consideration. The known changes in the climate of Mediterranean regions in the four or five centuries about the Christian era supplied the conditions that gave the impetus to the rapid multiplication and spread of the Anopheline mosquito. Malaria became endemic over a wide area and is supposed to have sapped the vitality of the ancient Greeks and subsequently of the Romans. We are apt to associate mosquitoes and their deadly burden of disease with tropical and sub-tropical climates. But even in present-day England Anopheline mosquitoes flourish, though they have not been convicted of pumping malaria germs into the blood of man in recent times. The British Mosquito Control Institute at Hayling Island in Hampshire has distinguished four species of Anopheline and twenty-four of Culicine mosquitoes native in Britain. Only a few centuries ago the nerve-racking buzz, the poisonous bite and the dread British Isles that there were of disease, that of being bitten times when the harvest was truly a blue mosquito.

EXPLANATION
OF TO-DAYS
CARTOONTEMPLE BUILT
IN 2½ DAYS

THE "Hut of 2½ Days".
called, of Ajmer, Rajputana is one of the finest and most imposing structures in all India. It was originally a Jain Temple and was converted into a Mohammedan mosque in the 12th century. The roof is supported by 40 columns, no two of which are alike. Its name rests on the definite tradition that this structure was completed in 2½ days.

Your Daily Smile!

"How did your article on perpetual motion turn out?"

"Oh, it was a great success," said author. "Every time I sent it out it came back to me."

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Very Cutting

A doctor presented his bill to the executor of the estate of a deceased patient.

"Do you wish to have my bill sworn to?" he asked.

"No," answered the executor. "the death of the patient is sufficient evidence of your services."

danger of being lost because the prevalence of malaria had depleted the ranks of the farm labourers to such an extent that there was insufficient labour to gather it in. There is a classic record of deaths in the various parishes of London for the year of the Great Plague, 1665. Sixty-three causes of death are recorded, and though the plague claims an overwhelming number of victims, the record shows "Auge and Feavers" to be, the next most potent cause, its victims numbering 5,257. Crude diagnosis and the inclusion of fevers that were not ague no doubt inflate the numbers, but it is certain that the mosquito must have found a glorious opportunity for breeding in the stagnant filth of the pre-Fire London streets, and played havoc with human life. Only a few years before that date the Lord Protector himself, the Mussolini of Puritan England, had escaped assassination only to fall a victim to the bloodthirsty Anophele, possibly bred in his native Fens. Perhaps one day when the world is grown up and the nations are able to put by their mutual rivalries and animosities a more altruistic league of nations will declare war against mosquitoes and effect their total extinction.

But that is far ahead. Much unco-ordinated work by Governments and local authorities has rid special areas, in some cases of vast extent, both of the Anopheline mosquito that bears malaria and the Culicine that bears yellow fever. In South Africa there are still breeding places in the remoter districts where malaria flourishes, whilst the more harmless mosquito uninfected by malaria swarms even in the heart of the towns and disturbs the sleep of millions of citizens. To the orthodox methods of attacking the larvae in their breeding places have been added of late suggestions for fighting the adult insect by the use of machines designed to attract and destroy great numbers. The employment of a beam of light which lures them into a specially created vortex sucking them in to destruction is reported to have met with some success. In parts of the United States the W.P.A., one of the organisations for employing the unemployed, has been set to work to fight mosquitoes on a large scale by going into the swamps and using every insecticidal device. One interesting part of their work has been an attempt, unsuccessful as yet, to determine the range of flight of individual insects, for which purpose dyes are being used to colour the flies. The dyes are applied with a spraying apparatus and are found to take effectively, so that gaily coloured mosquitoes, blue or green or red, being found and caught anywhere may be referred to their breeding-places. The people of Illinois may benefit from the research, but meanwhile a new terror has been added to the nerve-racking buzz, the poisonous bite and the dread British Isles that there were of disease, that of being bitten times when the harvest was truly a blue mosquito.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

PICASSO AT THE PRADO

Nothing in Picasso's restless artistic career can equal his tempestuous tenure of the Directorship of the Prado Gallery. He was appointed to the post two months ago.

The Prado is on the far side of Madrid from the Manzanares, where the fighting has been taking place. But its position makes it highly vulnerable if the Nationalists attempt an encircling movement from the north.

The glory of the Prado is its Velazquez collection. Nowhere else can the great Spanish painter be properly studied. While the Prado contains well over 50 major examples of his art, the National Gallery has a mere half-dozen.

It is understood that Picasso has taken the precaution of having the Velazquez pictures removed from Madrid.

Their destination has not been stated, but the rumour that they have been sent to Russia may not be unfounded.

They must be worth many millions, and would form a useful backing for a credit from the Soviet.

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AUSTRALIA'S INSKIP

Sir Archdale Parkhill, who denies that the Commonwealth Government contemplates conscription, can speak with something more than the normal Ministerial authority on such a subject.

As Minister of Defence he combines the roles of Mr. Duff Cooper, Sir Samuel Hoare and Lord Swinton in the British Cabinet. He therefore takes the duties of Sir Thomas Inskip here in his stride.

No Australian statesman understands better the arts of party management than Sir Archdale Parkhill. It was his driving force as organiser of the Nationalist party which marked him out for promotion when he went into Parliament nine years ago.

Dour and outspoken, he is perhaps the most powerful member of the present Australian Government after the Prime Minister, Mr. Lyons. It was his lack of Parliamentary grace which caused Mr. R. G. Menzies, and not him to be chosen Deputy Leader of the United Australia party less than a year ago.

END TO POST-WAR
PLANNINGBELGIUM'S DECISION
OUTLINEDWITHDRAWAL FROM DEFENCE
AGREEMENTS

(By P. J. Philip)

BELGIUM'S decision, announced recently by King Leopold, to pursue a policy exclusively Belgian, with the object of keeping war away from her territory, has changed the equilibrium of Western Europe as it had existed since the end of the war.

By this act Belgium has passed from the old Allied camp into a position of strong neutrality. It is contended that the Belgian people would have preferred to try to continue maintaining the position of independence rather proudly, claimed at the end of the war.

Air Warfare Makes Difference

But—and in this both civilians and soldiers agreed—the development of air warfare has made it utterly impossible for Belgium to do otherwise than declare her neutrality and separate herself from all coalitions. For in half an hour, however developed, however gallant her air defenders might be, her densely populated cities and towns could be wiped out by the air force of any one of her big neighbours.

Behind this decision of the Belgian Government lies, of course, just that wish to avoid being again Europe's battlefield. For years past the Flemish and Francophile parties have been arguing this question.

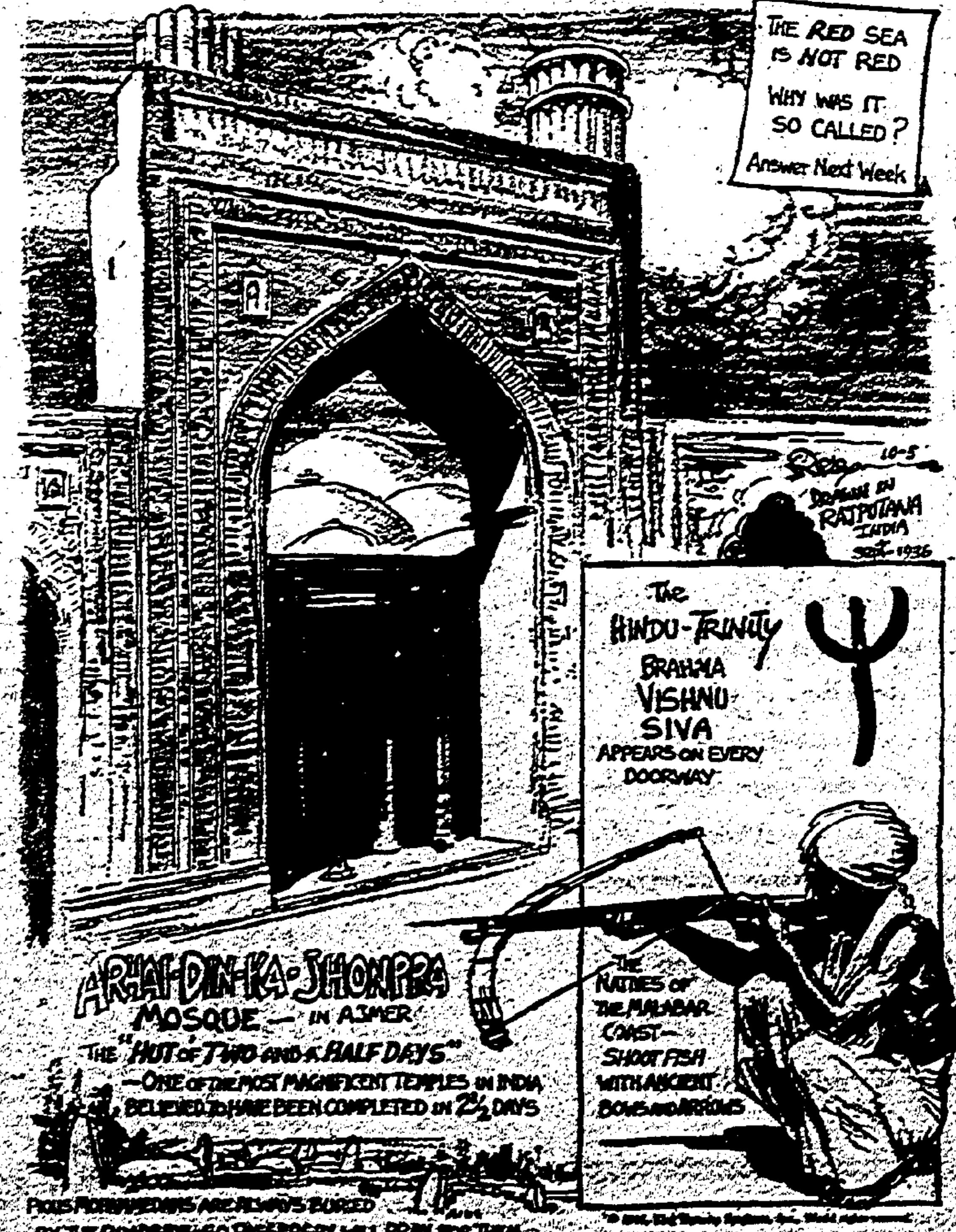
Two Courses Open

Only two courses were open: Either Belgium must throw in her lot completely with France and continue the Maginot line of fortifications along her eastern frontier in the expectation that France and Great Britain would help her resistance there, or she must declare her neutrality and take what measures she could to assure by herself respect for that neutrality.

It is the latter course that has finally been chosen. After seven months of deliberations by a mixed commission of army officers and members of Parliament the decision has been made that it is wiser to keep war away than, as the King expressed it, "to prepare for a war that would be more or less victorious as the result of a coalition."

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

ENFORCED LABOUR IN OUTER MONGOLIA Road System Extension —CHINA MAIL "SPECIAL"

Moscow, To-day.
The entire male population of Outer Mongolia, between the ages of 18 and 45, has been mobilised, states a message from the capital, Ulan Bator, for the purpose of extending the road system as quickly as possible for strategic purposes.

Through this enforced labour it is expected to have this whole project completed within two years.—Trans-Ocean Service.

APPLICATION AT SUPREME COURT

COMPANY TO BE RESTORED

An application for restoring the name of the Pacific Banking and Exchange Company, Limited, in the Register of Companies by Mr. Leo D'Almada, jun., who was instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadeson, was granted according to the terms of the petition, by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. D'Almada stated that for certain reasons the name of the company was struck off the Register of Companies in the year 1924. There is a sum of money in a certain bank, and the directors of the Company have decided that the only way of getting the money back is by applying for the name of the company to be restored in the Register.

Mr. D'Almada added that the petition is not being opposed by the Registrar of Companies.

CHINESE ART DISPLAY

Sale Of Work For Charity

The Exhibition of fine arts of Mr. Lau Kwan Yum, the chairman of the Overseas Chinese Fine Arts Association of Hong Kong, will be held at Hotel Cecil, on Sunday.

Mr. Lau is a genius in Chinese and Western arts as well as an expert in Chinese characters. This exhibition will comprise Chinese and Western paintings and Chinese characters. The Chinese paintings include landscapes, flowers and plants, fishes and insects, feathers and beasts, while the Western paintings include oil paintings, water colour, charcoal paintings, and colour chalk paintings.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR MAIDS

Overtime Pay And To "Live Out"

The Danish Housewives' Association and the Danish House-Servants' Union have agreed on a plan to solve the domestic servant problem.

The agreement provides for:— Proper training for domestic service with certificates of efficiency.

Minimum wages.

An eight-hour day.

Overtime pay.

Maid's to live out.

A form of contract on these lines has been drawn up. Subject to exceptions which may be made by a special tribunal in individual cases it must be signed by both employer and maid at the beginning of each engagement.

The agreement also provides that if a maid's eight-hour working day is broken up, reasonable facilities must be provided in the house for her to entertain her friends in her off-duty period.

RAW RUBBER: Latest Quotations From Singapore

Messrs. H. R. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:—
Spot 34½ b. Down ½;
Jan.-March 34½ b. Down ½;
April-June 34½ b. Down ½;
July-Sept. 34½ b. Down ½;
Market: Dull.

The many friends of Mr. H. Dreyer of Messrs. Shewan Tones and Company, will be sorry to hear that he has met with rather a nasty accident which resulted in the breaking of his smile.

Mr. I. W. Shewan, principal of Messrs. Shewan Tones and Company, will be proceeding on Home leave by the s.s. Comorin, which sails on Boxing Day.

Miss Rita Cole of Messrs. Shewan Tones and Company arrived back from leave, spent in England, early this month. When her mother and brother, Tony, arrive in February, it will be the first time the family have been together for the best part of 18 months. Mr. C. W. L. Cole, another brother, and a very keen member of the Battery, is also connected with Messrs. Shewan Tones.

The RMS. Empress of Russia left Vancouver for Hong Kong via ports last Friday and is due here on January 7, next. After discharging cargo she will proceed to Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul.

The s.s. Talma left Singapore for this port last Thursday evening and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The Kowloon Tong Anglican Church Fete Committee wished to thank all who helped towards the success of their recent Garden Fete and those who came and spent so freely. The net proceeds of the Fete now amount to \$1,300 and money is still coming in—the final account will be published in the Church's Monthly Notes.

A dance will take place at the Seamen's Institute at 9 p.m. to-day. A launch leaves the Police Pier at 8.30 p.m.

The Committee and members of the Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals wish to express their thanks to all those who in any way assisted in the selling of flags during their recent successful Flag Day.

On Sunday, a party of Diocesan Boys' School boys, led by the Headmaster, sang Christmas Carols in various parts of Kowloon. As a result, \$45 was collected, which has been sent to the Society for Protection of Children.

The Health and Strength League will give a Christmas carnival ball in the China Fleet Club Theatre on Thursday, with two special novelty turns. By courtesy of Capt. J. C. Leach, M.V.O., R.N., and Officers, the dance band of H.M.S. Cumberland will be in attendance.

Members of the Hong Kong Aquarium Society last night had the pleasure of listening to a talk given by the President, Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, at the Biology Department of the University, on coral islands and the interesting fishes to be seen in the lagoons. Dr. Herklots illustrated his lecture with lantern slides, and this greatly enhanced the value of the discourse.

Chan Ngan-wong, aged 20, unemployed, was this morning sentenced to six months' imprisonment and ordered to be given 16 strokes of the birch for snatching the hand-bag of Miss Okuda, of No. 5 MacDonnell Road, near Upper Albert Road last Sunday. Defendant, when brought before the court yesterday, pleaded guilty but was remanded for medical examination.

TWO LIFELONG FRIENDS

Leave Lonely Widows To Mourn Them

Three years ago two lifelong friends at Chippenham, Wilts, celebrated their diamond wedding within a week of each other.

Last month one was buried just a week after his friend.

The two friends were eighty-eight-year-old Mr. Alfred Gregory, of London-road, Chippenham, and eighty-three-year-old Mr. Eden Townsend, of St. Mary-street. The younger died first.

Two lonely widows now mourn together these friends of sixty-three years.



Francis Lederman and Ann Sothern play the leading roles in "My American Wife," the Paramount picture now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

London, To-day.—Their Majesties the King and Queen will leave London to-day for Sandringham where they are spending Christmas. Their Majesties, accompanied by their two daughters and Queen Mary, will travel by the Royal train from King's Cross to Wolverton—British Wireless Service.

CONCESSION TO ITALY?

Sheik Reported To Have Broken Pledge

—CHINA MAIL "SPECIAL"

London, To-day. Considerable consternation has been caused in political circles here by the report that a concession has been granted to Italy in the harbour of Assadi del Faye, on the south coast of Hadramut by the Sheik of the district.

It is pointed out that Great Britain had concluded an agreement with the rulers of all the states whereby they undertook not to grant any concessions to any other country, and the Governor of Aden has sent a representative to Assadi del Faye, by aeroplane, in order to investigate the matter.—Trans-Ocean Service.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES STOLEN

Mysterious Thefts In France

—CHINA MAIL "SPECIAL"

Paris, To-day. The series of mysterious thefts of aeroplanes and munitions in Southern France is now augmented by another incident of this nature. A powder factory in Marcellas was broken into early yesterday morning and six boxes of high explosives, marlinitite, were stolen.

It is generally assumed that the explosives found their way across the Spanish frontier since no trace of them has been found.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SAN SALVADOR EARTHQUAKE

100 Believed Dead

San Salvador, To-day.

San Vicente, a town in the interior of the Republic of San Salvador, was completely destroyed by two severe earthquake shocks during the week-end, the first on Saturday night and the second on Sunday morning.

The shocks were felt over a wide area and the death-roll is now estimated at about 100. No foreigners, it is stated, were among the victims.—Renter.

Joined by Chipperfield, McCabe saw the 200 raised after 247 minutes and the pair were together when lunch was taken at 208 for 3. McCabe being 13 and Chipperfield 13.

JUDICIOUS CHANGE

Venice returned to the attack at 186 and at the same total Bradman mistimed his fourth ball, playing it on to his wicket just when he appeared set for a century—186-3-82. Batting more confidently than he has done recently, Bradman scored with crisp shots all round the wicket, hitting six boundaries in a stay of 171 minutes.

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Leave Lonely Widows To Mourn Them

Three years ago two lifelong friends at Chippenham, Wilts, celebrated their diamond wedding within a week of each other.

Last month one was buried just a week after his friend.

The two friends were eighty-eight-year-old Mr. Alfred Gregory, of London-road, Chippenham, and eighty-three-year-old Mr. Eden Townsend, of St. Mary-street. The younger died first.

Two lonely widows now mourn together these friends of sixty-three years.

£5,000 FOR HOSPITAL

Dr. Ethel Townsend, of Hull, has given £5,000 to Hull Hospital for the provision of increased accommodation for the wives of black-coated workers.

FORGED BANK NOTE

Six Months' Gaol For Chinese

ALERT BUS CONDUCTOR

Pleading guilty to uttering a forged £5 bank note, an unemployed Chinese, Wong Keuk, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning. On the additional charge of a breach of the Deportation Ordinance, he was given a further nine months' imprisonment.

Detective-Sergeant Davis prosecuted and stated that the accused boarded a bus near the Central Theatre in Queen's Road and tendered a £5 bank note for his fare. Having no change, the conductor returned the note and the accused had no alternative but to alight. An inspector, who had been examining tickets on the same bus, alighted at the same time at the China Emporium. Both the accused and the ticket inspector boarded the next bus, and the accused tendered the £5 bank note again. On examining it the conductor discovered that it was a forgery, and informed the inspector. The accused was handed over to a constable, who was travelling on the bus. While on the way to the station the accused escaped but was caught again after a chase.

The accused had been deported for 10 years in April, 1935.

COTTON TRADE THREATENED

More People Now Buying

The Lancashire cotton trade is threatened with a crisis just when a long-awaited improvement is evident.

Employment in the trade is considerably better than a year ago. This is due to three things:

(1) Steady and continued improvement in sales at home;

(2) Opening up of new markets in Germany and Switzerland;

(3) The first effects of the spinning restriction plan, which aims to make the industry economically sound.

Now for the other side.

Nearly 200,000 operatives are waiting the results of wage talks. The Operative Spinners' Amalgamation and the Cardroom Amalgamation are holding a strike ballot. They seek the return of a wage cut of 1s. 8d. in the pound made in 1932.

To Discus Claim

One hundred thousand weavers are looking forward to an early meeting of the Cotton Conciliation Board to discuss their claim to a 15 per cent. increase in wages.

Should the spinners and cardroom workers decide to strike the entire industry would be paralyzed.

In the midst of this turmoil representatives of the Egyptian cotton section of the yarn trade reached an agreement.

It means that spinners indulging in cut-throat competition will now be able to work on a profitable basis.

Yarn prices on the cotton exchange immediately advanced by 20 per cent. This means that the employers will be in a better position to meet the wage demands of the spinners, and the possibility of a strike is reduced.

A MONTH'S WORK FOR 70,000

Temporary Postmen And Sorters

The British Post Office has immediate vacancies for 70,000 temporary postmen and sorters—ex-service men preferred—900 more telephone operators and 125 girl telephonists.

It is expected that more than 15,000,000 letters will have to be handled during the week before Christmas.

Fifty new telephone kiosks are being installed every month in the London area, which already has 4,750.

Twelve thousand of the 70,000 temporary postmen and sorters will be taken on in London. All be employed for about four weeks.

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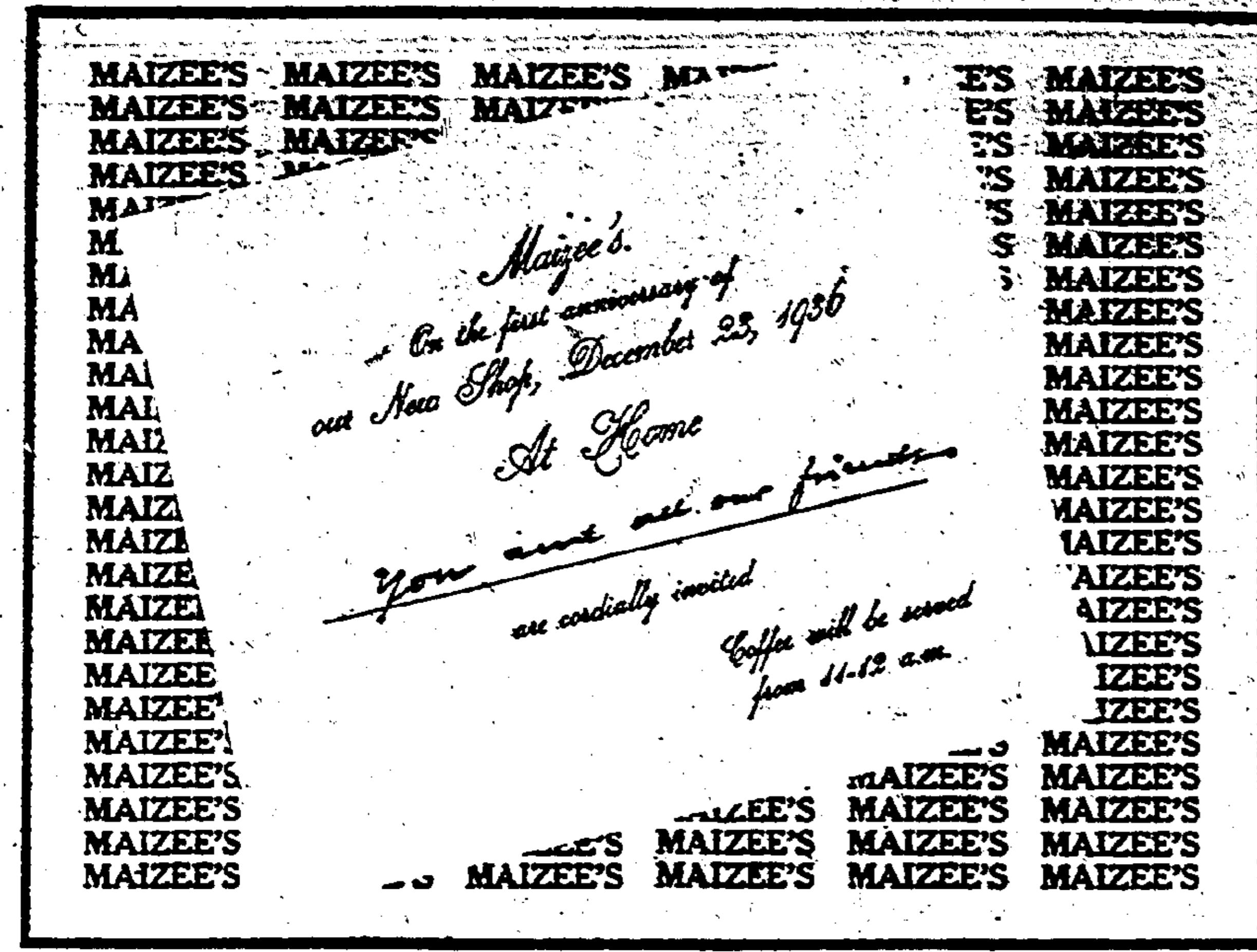
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FULL NAVAL HONOURS

FUNERAL OF P.O. WILLIAMS

Full naval honours were accorded at the funeral yesterday afternoon of Petty Officer James Henry Williams, aged 38, who died from cancer at the Royal Naval Hospital yesterday morning.

The late Petty Officer Williams was a native of Callington, Cornwall, and came to the Colony in March this year. He was attached to the Sick Berth Staff of H.M.S. Tamar. He leaves a wife in England, to whom much sympathy will be extended.

The funeral took place at the Colonial Cemetery and the chief mourners were Chief Engineer Room Artificer French, and Sick Berth Petty Officer Dodge, who represented Mrs. Williams. The gun carriage crew and firing party were from H.M.S. Cumberland.

The service at the grave-side was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Evans, R. N.

Three volleys were fired over the grave at the conclusion of the service, and the "Bevelle" was sounded by a bugler.

Among the officers who attended were Comdr. Armitage, Lt-Cdr. H. W. Graves, Lt-Cdr. Turner, Surg. Lt-Cdr. Marks, Surg. Lt-Cdr. Kirkwood and Mr. Lee, Warrent Master-at-Arms.

Two cases of enteric fever were reported for the 24 hours ended yesterday.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

Dr. Li Shu-fan To Ask Questions

HOUSE-FLY MENACE

At to-day's meeting of the Urban Council, Dr. Li Shu-fan, pursuant to notice, will ask:

"In view of the menace due to house-flies in the spread of infections such as dysentery, typhoid, cholera, etc., will the Chairman kindly furnish answers to the following questions:

i. Is the Government aware that:

(a) there is an unusual increase in number of flies in the Colony during the present year?

b) the existence of an enormous number of flies at the Kun Tong refuse-dump, where they are being favourably and prolifically bred uncontrollably?

c) the large number of flies found on the refuse-barges which ply and convey flies between the city and the refuse-dumps?

d) the grounds adjacent to the Kennedy Town and Ma Tan Kok Slaughter Houses used for the drying of animal blood and hair, are full of flies, and are extensive areas for breeding them?"

e) If there are organized measures made hitherto by this Council for the destruction, mitigation and/or prevention of breeding of flies in any of the places (a) referred to above? (b) elsewhere?"

f) If the answer to (b) is in

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY ENTERTAIN

Welsh Servicemen's Christmas Dinner

The Red Dragon of Wales and greetings in the Welsh language figured prominently amongst the seasonal decorations in the main hall of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night, the occasion being the entertainment of Welsh members of His Majesty's Forces in Hong Kong by the local St David's Society.

Music and singing being inseparably associated with Wales, it was appropriate that the main part of the social evening which followed a special Christmas dinner, consisted of songs in Welsh and English, the principal contributors being Corporal Williams and a quartette from the Royal Welch Fusiliers. Fusilier Tibbets was a capable accompanist.

The Society is principally indebted to Mr. F. Loyd-Jones for the arrangements and among members of the Society who also helped to organize the evening's entertainment were Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, Mr. Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Price, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lewis, Mr. E. E. Price, Mr. D. P. Davies, Mr. R. Owens and Capt. Evans.

As negative, will the Government make a statement of policy and state what steps it proposes to take in any of the places (a) referred to above? (b) elsewhere?"

REPULSE BAY TRAGEDY

Enquiry Into Woman's Death

OFTEN THREATENED SUICIDE

There was a sequel, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, to the tragedy at Repulse Bay on October 28, last when the body of Mrs. E. M. Carrick was found on Middle Beach, in the form of a Coroner's Enquiry conducted by Mr. K. Keen, assisted by Sub-Inspectors J. O. Donovan and the following jury: Messrs. J. Murphy (foreman), J. F. E. Rosario and K. R. Macaskill.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. D. A. Smith, of the Government Civil Hospital, after which Mr. V. C. Branston, Government Analyst, said that from samples he examined, he found a slight trace of alcohol and in the stomach one grain of barbituric acid compound, which was of similar nature to Veronal. In reply to Sub-Inspector O'Donovan, witness said that the veronal type of drug was used to cure insomnia.

"Tired of Life"

Miss Daisy O'Keefe said that she knew Mrs. Carrick about six weeks before her death, and Mrs. Carrick was in the habit of having tea and dinner with her at her hotel. On the afternoon of October 27 she stayed with witness until 7 p.m. when she left with Mrs. Dard, witness's sister.

Continuing, Miss O'Keefe, said: She did not confide anything to me in particular except on that day, when she said she was tired of life and had chosen that day to "do myself in." She said she was 52 years of age and had no reason to live. I asked her if she was financially embarrassed and she said "No. I can lay my hands on any amount I want."

Sub-Inspector O'Donovan: Do you remember her saying that afternoon "I have had a wonderful life, there is not a moment I regret?"

Witness: Yes, and she did not want to live to experience any bitterness.

Did she say "I am going away and you will never see me again?" — Yes, and she said: "If I can do anything for you in the next world, I will." Before she left she offered me her fur and said: "I am going." I asked her to visit me the next day and she told me to ring her up at 7 p.m. I did so but was told she had gone to Canton.

"Walked Into Sea"

The next witness was Mr. A. H. Carroll, stockbroker, who said he knew Mrs. Carrick for about six weeks and, about the end of September, she borrowed \$300 from him. Several times she had mentioned to him that she would take her life by walking into the sea at Repulse Bay. He last saw her on the afternoon of October 27 when she telephoned from Miss O'Keefe's room, and he went there for about five minutes.

Evidence was given by Mr. G. F. Walker, chartered accountant, that he knew Mrs. Carrick and she had made similar remarks to him of her suicidal intentions, but she spoke of it so often that he thought she was joking. Once he said to him: "This is the dress I walked into the sea with the other evening. Don't you think the laundry have cleaned it wonder fully?"

Took Pills Away

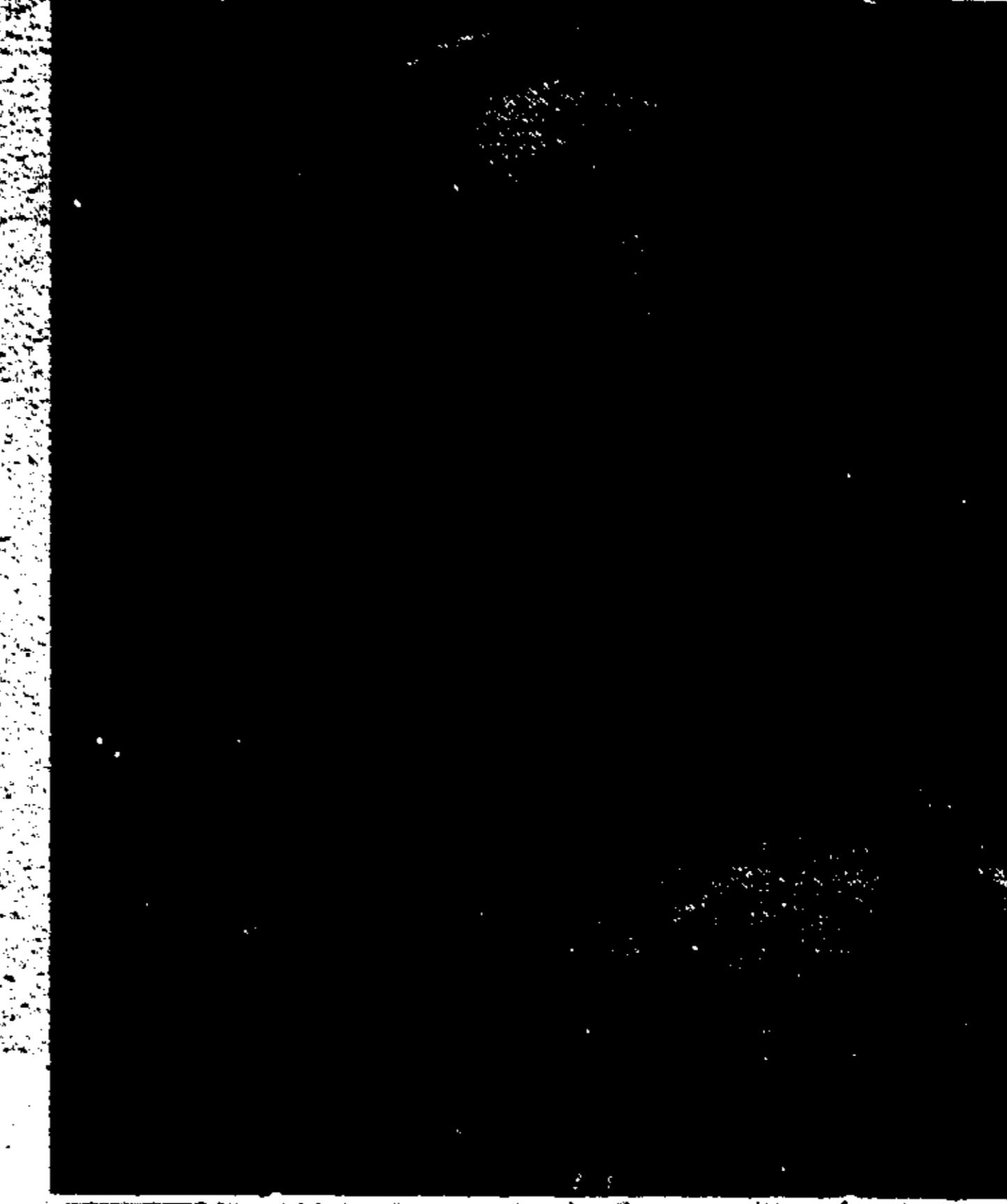
Witness saw Mrs. Carrick in Miss O'Keefe's room on October 28 when she showed him some yellow pills and remarked: "Six of these will put my dog to sleep. I have just got enough." Witness prised open her hand and managed to take four from her which at a later date he handed over to the Police at their request.

Mrs. L. C. L. Dand, sister of Miss O'Keefe, testified that she and Mrs. Carrick left Miss O'Keefe's room about 7 p.m. on October 27 and had dinner in the hotel while waiting for a bus. Miss Carrick had a Martini cocktail. Witness had not heard her say she intended to take her life. She did know that Mrs. Carrick had a ring inscribed "Not bad, Mum" which was stated to have been found.

The hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

STRONG ROOM COLLAPSES

Four men were injured when the former strong room collapsed yesterday during construction work on a building to accommodate existing and enlarging existing offices at Lloyd's of London, Pakington road, Central.



MUSIC TREAT FOR HONG KONG

Massed Orchestras To Play

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME

A musical entertainment seldom heard in Hong Kong, will be given at the China Fleet Club next Monday at 5.30 p.m. when massed bands from the Royal Marines will give an orchestral concert of popular music, under the direction of Mr. R. E. Compton. The orchestra will be comprised of 56 pieces, a fact which should appeal to music lovers as it is many years since a combination of this size has been heard in the Colony.

Proceeds are in aid of naval charities. Admission to the circle is \$1 and to the stalls, 75 cents. Bookings can be made at Anderson's.

The full programme is as follows:

Grand March ("Tannhauser") ... Wagner.

Cella solo ("Solveig's Song") ... Grieg.

Violin Duet ("The Herd Girl's Dream") ... Liszt.

Selection ("The Gondoliers") ... Sullivan.

Selection ("Samson and Delilah") ... Saint-Saens.

Waltz ("Beautiful Dame") ... Strauss.

Sketches ("Cavalcade") ... Stravinsky.

Selection ("Lilac Time") ... Schubert.

March ("A Life on the Ocean Wave") ... God Save the King.

Cinema Notes From The Theatres

"SECRET INTERLUDE" — KING'S THEATRE

Starring an exciting new love team, handsome Robert Taylor and lovely Loretta Young, "Secret Interlude," the new Fox triumph is being acclaimed one of the year's outstanding romantic hits.

Taylor's debonair manner and youthful banter complements Miss Young's beauty and wide-eyed appeal perfectly. And, added to the thrilling love story, is suspense, drama and comedy by the irrepressible Patsy Kelly.

Basil Rathbone is also featured prominently in the supporting cast.

around the camp.

When Sally discovers a plot to kill Victor, and a dozen miners working deep in the mine, it is she who races into the mine in the face of almost certain death to rescue the man she loves. And hard-as-rock Joey discovers he has a very soft spot for the snoopish newspaper woman.

Ward Bond, Thurston Hall, Gene Morgan, Frank Rice, Robert Cawley and Johnny Arthur are in the supporting cast.

"THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE" — CENTRAL THEATRE

A new milestone in the brief but spectacular history of the motion picture is marked by the opening of Walter Wanger's Technicolour production of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," which star Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda.

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," is the first colour picture since "Becky Sharp," and is handled in an entirely different manner. Wanger and his director, Henry Hathaway, have used colour realistically by which they mean that the colours used in settings and costumes are natural neutral in shade, predominantly grey and browns.

The story of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" is ideally suited to this purpose, because most of the action takes place outdoors, the Cumberland Mountain regions where rival clans battle each other.

"BRIDES ARE LIKE THAT" — STAR THEATRE

This picture is one of the most hilarious screen productions of the year and abounds in riotous situations, unique episodes and a most unusual plot.

It is based on the play "Apple Sance" by Barry Connor, which was one of the hits of the stage. The motion picture retains all the humorous angles of the original stage production and has added some more for good measure.

Ross Alexander and Anita Louise have the romantic roles, the former playing the part of a ne'er-do-well with a great gift for flattery by which he is enabled to work his way into the good graces of his town-folk, although it also gets him into plenty of trouble.

Alexander handles his part with the same great competence that has characterised all his roles since he recently deserted the Broadway stage for Hollywood.

"IMITATION OF LIFE" — MAGNETIC THEATRE

Seldom, if ever, has there been such a combination of elements which mean good entertainment as there are in "Imitation of Life."

Paul Robeson, 40, will interest millions of women. "Back Street" proved that Paul Robeson is a woman-snapping John Stahl searched for the title rôle.

Before the film ends Miss Trevor goes through a lot of experienced training enough for any daredevil or explorer. The ending is reported to have Charles Laughton, falling willingly into Paul Robeson's arms.

"HUMAN CARGO"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

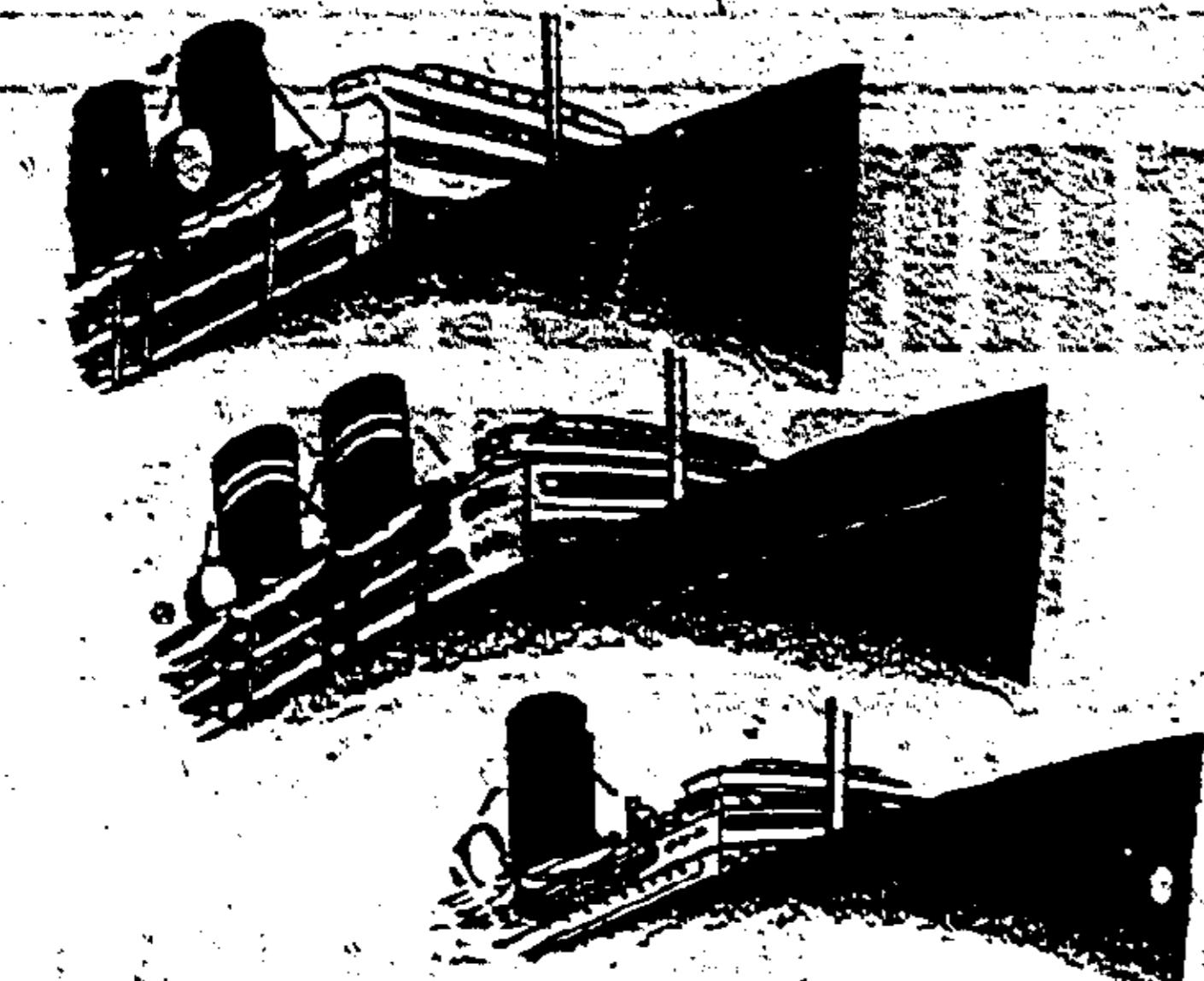
A vicious new crime ring that could not be smashed and a startling new mystery that could not be solved, until a debutante who wants thrills and a reporter who wants headlines plumb into the exciting plot, and in a series of breath-taking events, smash the new menace that threatens the nations.

That is the high-tension entertainment promised in "Human Cargo" with Claire Trevor and Brian Donlevy heading the cast, which includes Alan Dinehart, Ralph Morgan, Helen Troy and Rita Corday.

Miss Trevor is seen as the girl who is determined to have her share of excitement. She obtains a job on Dinehart's newspaper and her first assignment sends her to a night club with a reporter.

Then there is the popularity of Claire Trevor's go-go dance, which includes Alan Dinehart, Rita Corday, and a woman-snapping John Stahl searched for the title rôle.

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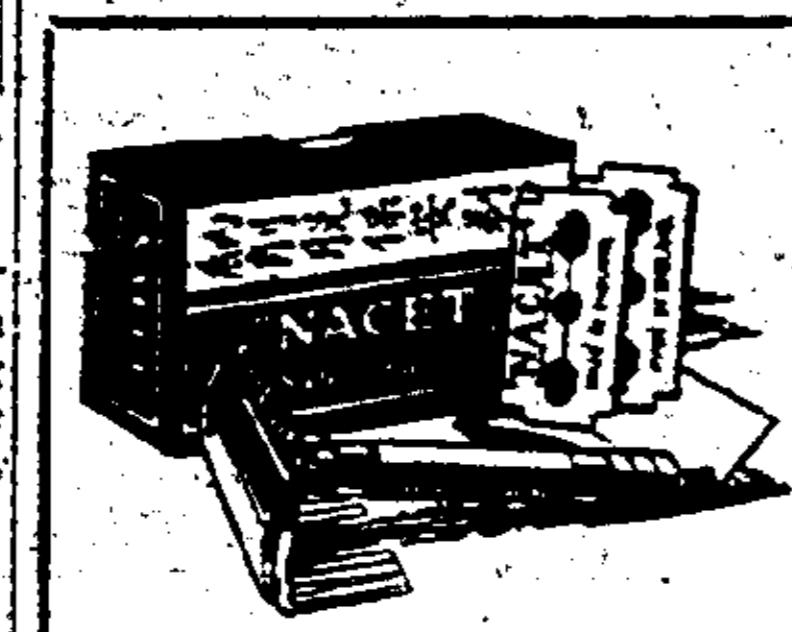
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2.45 p.m.—British Studio.

A talk by C. E. Gifford Hall.

“Controlled Water.”

10 p.m.—London: Big Ben Imperial Affairs. A talk by H. V. Hodson.

11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

TWO-WAY THREE BID

By Eric Calvertson

The new two-way three bid has all the effectiveness of a masked or camouflaged battery. The enemy has no means of determining its power or scope until it is too late to set up the proper defences. Whether the shell it throws turns out a dud or a high explosive, its menace remains real.

The fact that the three-bidder's partner, as well as his opponents, cannot know the true implication of the bid until the second round, works little or no hardship on the users. The partner can afford to investigate the meaning by holding the bidding open. At the worst he will increase the contract only one trick. But the adversaries are in a pretty dilemma indeed: Bid and risk being slaughtered; pass, and risk losing a lay-down game. Note the huge value of the opening three-bid in to-day's hand.

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

S—10 6 4

H—Q 10

D—10 9 8 5 2

C—K 9 3

WEST

S—A 7

S—5

—K 9 7 6 4 H—A 8 5 3 2

—A J

D—Q 7 3

—Q 10 5 2 C—A J 6 4

SOUTH

S—K Q J 9 8 3 2

H—J

D—K 6 4

C—8 7

The bidding: South West North East

3 spades Pass 3 no trp. Pass

4 spades Pass Pass Pass

The contract was defeated

our tricks but, in view of the honour distribution between the two defenders, criticism on the rounds of failure to double would be most unfair. A blighting redouble might be lurking in the bushes! Nor could either West or East have entered the bidding except at risk to life and limb. It is quite true that they could have made a grand slam by the successful finesse of the minor-suit kings and, that being the case, that the theoretically correct contract would have been six hearts, on the percentage that at least one finesse would work. But this was one of those hands in which the greatest of experts would be helpless, hamstrung. Neither defender could be sure that South's bid was, this time, the “weak variety”; nor, for that matter, that North was not prepared to crucify any adversary four bid. Against the old-type pre-emptive three-bid, West might have taken a good deep breath and entered the bidding, but with South, as well as North, a potential sharpshooter, the risk was disproportionate.

Thus, the gain accruing to the opening bid, representing the difference between the 200 points lost and the 1,630 points that would have been lost had his opponents taken the rubber with a small slam, was 1,430 points.

Verdict: mind the Meister Nacht.

Was Deutsch und schäf?

Friedrich Schorr (baritone).

Act 3.—

Grus' Gott, Mein Junker (Sir Knight, I greet you).

Mein Freun' in Hölder Ingendzett

(My friend, when youth's dearest compeil). F. Schorr (baritone) and R. Lambetha (tenor)

Finale of Opera—

Verschafft mir die Meister Nacht.

Was Deutsch und schäf?

Friedrich Schorr (baritone).

7.30 p.m.—London—Christmas Poems and Legends from Ireland Read by Florence Marks.

7.30 p.m.—Closing local stock quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra

Ay, Ay, Ay (Perse & Frere)

Standchen (Soprano)

Glory Love Selection (Lehar)

In the Night (Tate)

Under the roofs of Paris (Moretti)

I Love You (Grieg)

Romance (Einstein)

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements

8.03 p.m.—London: Empire Magazine, No. 12—Christmas Number, specially enlarged and decorated.

Edited by Paesoe Thornton

8.45 p.m.—From the Studio

H. L. Ozier at the piano

1. Lee Sims transcription: Gotts

feelin' for you

2. Old favourites medley:

Some Day Sweetheart

I ain't got nobody

Dream

Moon glow

4. Medley:

Leaving memories behind

Solitude

Must I forget?

5. Swing:

What a night

I'm confessin'

Rose room

9 p.m.—London: The News and Announcements

9.20 p.m.—London: The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the fourth day's play by Alan Klemmer from Sydney. Electrical recording

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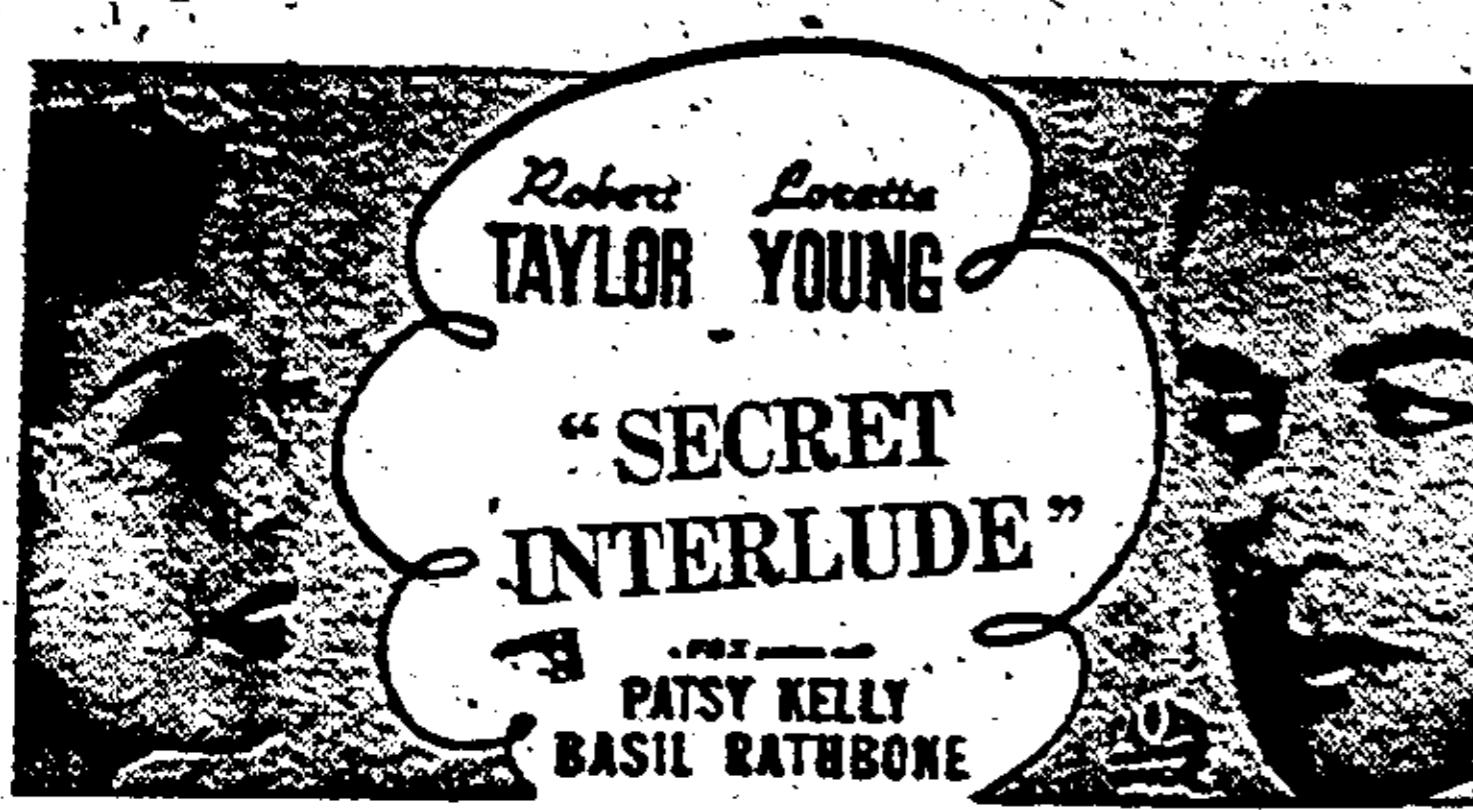
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Important Changes In Germany

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Berlin, To-day. Important changes in the regulations pertaining to foreign exchange were published yesterday. These are to become effective on January 1.

The most important change in the existing regulations deals with the introduction of German money from foreign countries back into Germany.

Bank notes may no longer be brought into the country in any quantity, but coins may still be introduced in small sums, non-residents being allowed to bring 30 marks into the country and residents 10 marks other than the regulations permit, to cover payment in marks of transportation insurance and similar costs in the international transportation of goods.—Trans-Ocean Service.

GOVT. ULTIMATUM TO REBELS

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It will be recalled that the Government had formerly determined to take a fortnight to quell the revolt, but as the Young Marshal and General Yang Fu-cheng, the Pacification Commissioner for Shensi, are negotiating for an alliance with the Communist commander, Chou Yan-lai, it has now been forced to minimise the delay in operations for fear of the spread of Communism. Furthermore, the rebels have completely reorganized the Shensi Government and one of the rebels, General Wang Yat-yu, has been elected Chairman of the Shensi Provincial Government.—Our Own Correspondent.

Count Ciano's Message To Young Marshal

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Rome: Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, is reported to have sent the following telegram to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang:

"You are my friend. If you join with the Communists you will be my enemy. China cannot exist without Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek."

Count Ciano was Italian Consul-General for many years in Shanghai and it was during his term of office there that he became well acquainted with the Young Marshal.

In 1933, during his European tour, Marshal Chang spent a considerable time in Rome and was received by Signor Mussolini. He also took the opportunity then to renew his friendship with Count Ciano.—Trans-Ocean Service.

MINISTERS ON HOLIDAY
London, To-day.—Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, is leaving London to-day for Yorkshire, where he will spend Christmas and the New Year. During this time Mr. Eden will be in continuous touch with the affairs of his department.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer—the only Minister who is going abroad for his holiday—yesterday left the nursing home where he has been for a minor operation and hopes to travel to France within the next few days.—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains over China and pressure changes are generally slight. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, is north-east; fresh; fair.

Soviet Aerial Services In North Arctic Circle

Moscow, To-day.—At a session now being held here of the Administration of the Northern Waterway—Murmansk to Vladivostok—the leader of the Flying Organisation, M. Shevelev, reported on the development of the aerial services in the North Arctic circle.

In 1933, he said, one route and a total of 1,730 kilometres was flown, and in 1936 ten routes, with a total distance of 11,895 kilometres were flown. In 1937 it is expected that 14 routes, with a total



POPE'S XMAS MESSAGE

To Be Broadcast On Thursday

Vatican City, To-day. His Holiness the Pope is planning a broadcast message to the world on Christmas Eve and is expected to make another appeal for peace. The Pope's broadcast is expected to replace the Christmas address to the Cardinals, which has been cancelled owing to the Pope's illness.

A message issued yesterday denies the alarmist reports regarding the Pope's health. It is stated that the Pope receives his Cardinal Secretary of State every day and actively occupies himself in State affairs.

A later message states that it has been officially announced that the Pope will broadcast a message to the world from his bed at 11.30 p.m. G.M.T. on Thursday.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH POLICY IN ABYSSINIA

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London: The British Government has notified the Italian Government that it has decided to convert the Legation at Addis Ababa into a Consulate-General.

It is pointed out that this decision is quite independent of the Anglo-Italian Mediterranean negotiations and also that it has no bearing on the question of recognition of the conquest of Abyssinia.—Reuter.

Paris: The French Charge d'Affaires in Rome has been instructed to inform the Italian Government that France has decided to transform the French Legation in Addis Ababa into a Consulate-General. Official quarters state that this step does not raise the question of the recognition of the Italian Empire in Abyssinia.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN EXPLAINS

London, To-day: Since the Ethiopian territories where British subjects have interests are now under the control of the Italian authorities, it has been decided to replace the British Legation in Addis Ababa by a Consulate-General. The British Ambassador in Rome, Sir Eric Drummond, has informed the Italian Government officially of this decision.

In a Parliamentary answer last week, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, informed the House of Commons that British representation in occupied Abyssinia had been for some time under consideration, with special reference to the retention of the diplomatic mission accredited to a government which no longer exercised any local authority.

On the same occasion Mr. Eden declared that "in any case it is not the intention of His Majesty's Government to accord *de jure* recognition of the Italian annexation of Abyssinia," and in connexion with the decision now taken it is emphasised in authoritative quarters that the Italian Government appreciate that *de jure* recognition is a matter on which the British Government must reserve their attitude.

NATURAL MEASURE

The substitution of a Consulate-General for the Legation at Addis Ababa is a separate matter which is regarded in London as no more than a natural and practical measure for the effective protection of British interests in Abyssinia, now that there is no independent Government to exercise authority where British interests are involved.

It takes account of Italian control, which clearly exists. It is understood that the French Government have taken a similar decision which has been communicated in Rome. Well-informed comment in London on the decision regarding the Legation at Addis Ababa, stresses the absence of any connection between it and the negotiations which are known to be in progress in Rome for the exchange of assurances between the United Kingdom and Italian Governments on the subject of the Mediterranean.

British Wireless Service.

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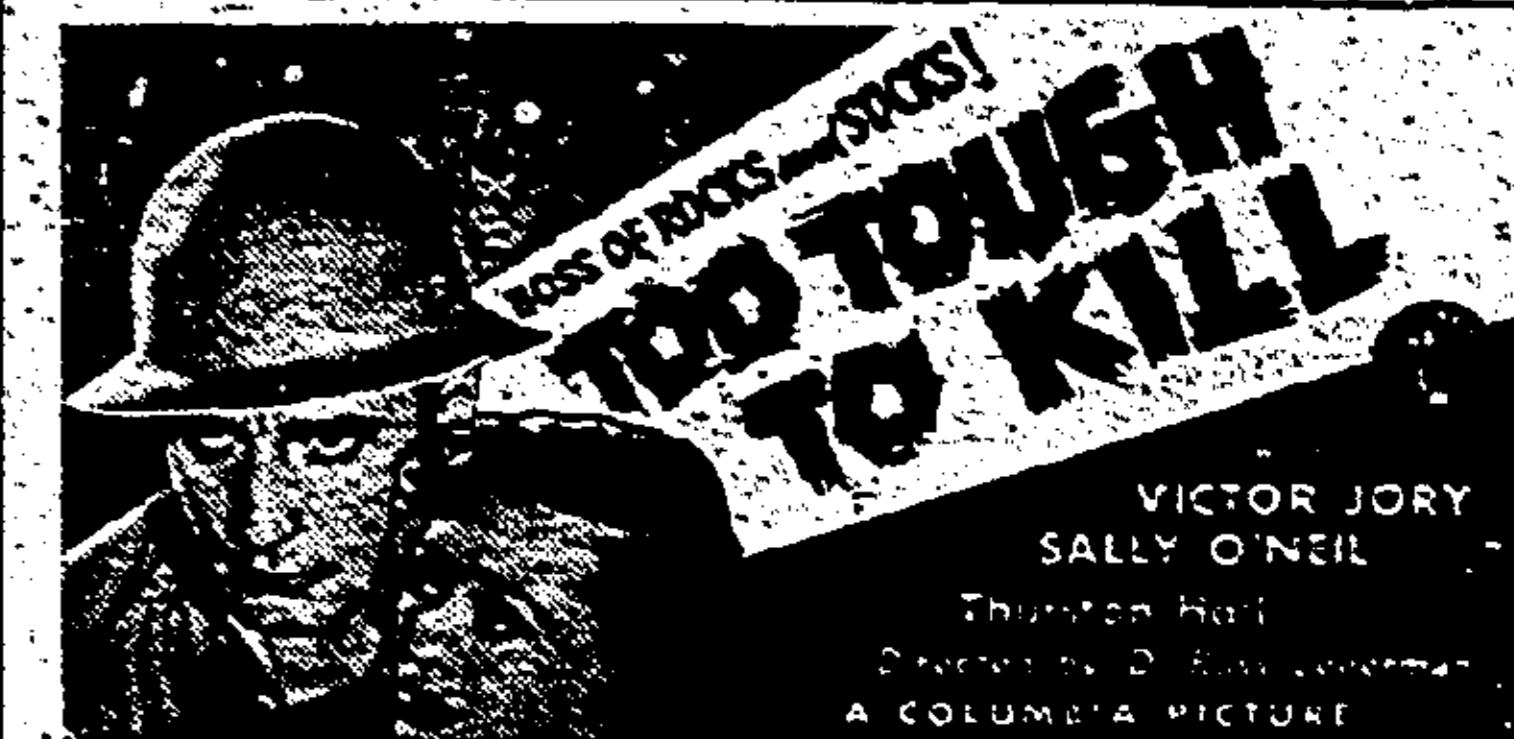
London, To-day.—It is officially announced that Commander A. D. Torlesse has been appointed Naval Attaché to the British Legation at Bangkok.—Reuter.

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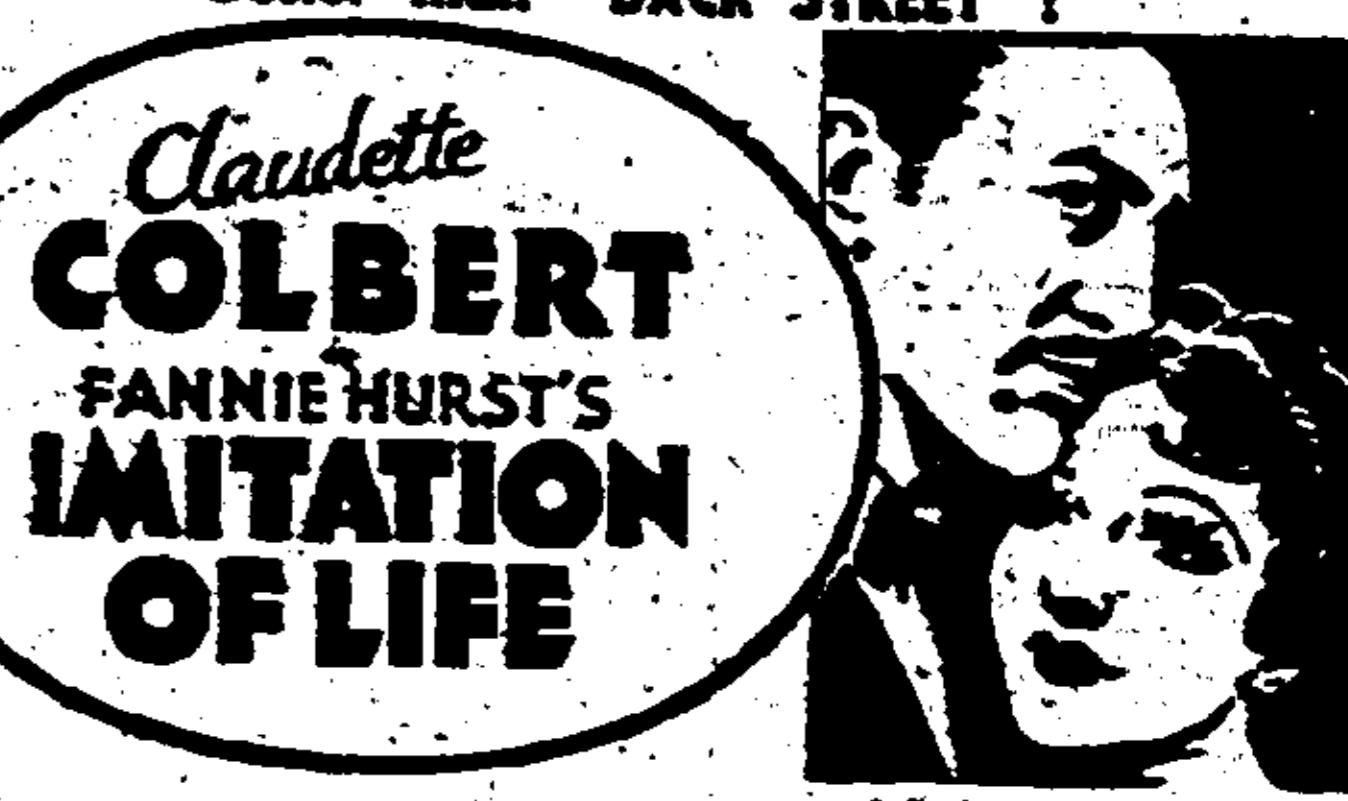
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